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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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RATE	ADDL. FEE	OR
x 9=	\$	
x 43=	\$	OR
x 145=	\$	
TOTAL	\$ 0.00	

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 8, 2004, please amend the application as filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.